

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 22, 23, and 25-28 have been rejected as anticipated by Bobay et al., US 5,962,938. Claims 36-40 have been rejected as anticipated by Yamaguchi et al., US 6,107,708. Claim 24 has been rejected as unpatentable over Bobay et al. in view of Hayashibara et al., US 4,428,719. Claims 29-31 and 33-35 have been rejected as unpatentable over Bobay et al. in view of Sunaga et al., US 6,297,572. Claim 32 has been rejected as unpatentable over Bobay et al. in view of Sunaga et al. and Ineson et al., US 5,334,897. Claim 41 has been rejected as unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. in view of Sunaga et al.

Claim 36 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claims 38 and 41. Claim 36 now recites the housing having a bearing sleeve integrally molded with the housing, the rotor of the electric motor being mounted on the bearing sleeve, the bearing sleeve having a guide channel for directing cooling air that enters the housing through the air inlet openings of the housing toward the outlet openings of the rotor (canceled claim 38). Yamaguchi et al. does not disclose a bearing sleeve integrally molded with a housing, a rotor mounted on a bearing sleeve, or a bearing sleeve with a guide channel for directing cooling air through air inlet openings. Also, the Office Action does NOT specify where

Yamaguchi et al. disclose these limitations. Where in Yamaguchi et al. is a bearing sleeve integrally molded with a housing? Where in Yamaguchi et al. is a rotor mounted on a bearing sleeve? Where in Yamaguchi et al. does a bearing sleeve have a guide channel for directing cooling air that enters the housing through the air inlet openings of the housing?

Additionally, claim 36 now recites the electronic actuation system having a power part and a control part, the power part and the control part being mounted on separate circuit boards, the air inlet openings of the housing being provided next to power semiconductors of the power part (canceled claim 41). Sunaga et al. does not disclose separate circuit boards or air inlet openings next to power semiconductors. Also, the Office Action does NOT specify where Sunaga et al. disclose this limitation. Where in Sunaga et al. are inlet openings next to power semiconductors?

Furthermore, please note that element 18 of Yamaguchi et al. is a chamber (Col. 3, lines 20-21), not an electronic actuation system, as indicated in the Office Action (page 3, para. 4).

Claim 36, as well as claims 22-35, 37, and 39-40 which depend from claim 36, are in condition for allowance.

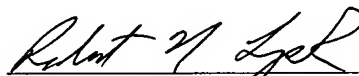
If the Examiner maintains the rejection of claim 36, it is again respectfully requested that he specify where in the references each claimed feature is disclosed. The Office Action merely restates the claim language without asserting

where in the references all of the claim limitations are disclosed. In such a case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the finality of the Office Action in response to this Amendment so that Applicant's representative may respond to a proper rejection.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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